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Honorable Kenneth M. Karas
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
300 Quarropas Street
White Plains, New York 10601

Re: United States v. Jesus Mortera
08 Cr. 355 (KMK)

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Dear Judge Karas:

This office was appointed as counsel to Mr. Mortera by the Honorable Lisa M. Smith, Chief United States Magistrate Judge, on January 3, 2008.

The defendant appeared with counsel at an initial pretrial conference before your Honor last Thursday, May 1, 2008.

Today I received a letter from Mr. Mortera indicating, in substance, that he has come to the conclusion that his defense is not in good hands. Mr. Mortera requests that I present to the Court his request that the Court appoint other, substitute counsel to defend him.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that this Court relieve Federal Defenders of New York, Inc., and appoint other counsel to defend Mr. Mortera.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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cc: Marcia S. Cohen, Esq.
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The Court will take up the question of Mr. Mortera's representation at ~~the~~ ^a May 16, 2008 conference, at 12:30 p.m.
So ordered.
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